

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, claims 1-7 were found to be allowed. Claims 8-13, 15 and 17-24 were rejected under 35 USC 112.

Claims 8 and 21-24 are amended to address the Examiner's rejections based upon 35 USC 112. Consistent with the Examiner's notation at page 4 of the Office Action under reply, claims 8-13, 15 and 17-24 are amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112 and are in condition for allowance.

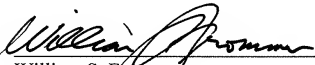
Accordingly, claims 1-13, 15 and 17-24 remain in this application; and this application now is in condition for allowance.

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. To the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by their attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

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